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needed to test for these, but since they are in our state statutes, requires them to do the test for this. And they are available behind the...behind the glass to discuss this with you, as well as I am. I can give you all the chemical reasons why there is the difference between the two, but the basis of this matter is that the State Patrol currently has to test to determine if a substance has these two different substances with them. However, since one is a synthetic painkiller that is no longer available, changing the definition would cover all of them regardless of the label that you put before me, the dextro or the levo. Propoxyphene would cover them both. I know it is a lot of fun to read. We are reviewing the existing legislation to make sure that there are no typos or misprints or that there anything that needs to be done. We are talking to HHS, though, that there is going to be an amendment in the that we're working on to bring up additional changes that might be here because of changes in federal law to make sure that when we do make this change with these, that they are not only consistent with state statute but then also with federal statutes. So I would be more than willing to try and answer your questions and we will see what happens, but I thank you for And like I said, I will be willing to answer your questions, as well as individuals who are present today that can probably do even more justice to the answer of your questions. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. You've heard the opening on LB 500, offered by Senator Erdman and others. Open for discussion on that bill. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm just going to find out if Senator Erdman is qualified to bring a bill such as this to us, and in America the way you determine qualification is by administering examinations, and this is like a pop quiz. Senator Erdman, do you have a copy of your...the bill before you?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Erdman, will you yield?

SENATOR ERDMAN: Yes, I do.